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**Excise Police Arrest Two on Alcohol, Drug Charges
Officers Served Search Warrants at Anderson Pool Hall, Home**

ANDERSON, Ind. (May 6) – Indiana State Excise Police served two search warrants in Anderson this afternoon and arrested two people on alcohol and drug charges.

Around 1:00 p.m. today, excise police served search warrants at Red's Pool Hall, 2128 Arrow Avenue, and the residence of Charles Scaife, II, 61, 2239 Meniffee Street, both in Anderson. Excise police officers had been investigating the illegal sale of alcoholic beverages without a permit for nearly six months.

As a result of their investigation, excise officers arrested Scaife on preliminary charges of maintaining a common nuisance, a felony, sale of alcoholic beverages without a permit, a misdemeanor, and sale of alcoholic beverages when times unlawful, also a misdemeanor. Sherrie Y. Mitchell, 50, also of Anderson, was arrested on a preliminary charge of possession of marijuana (under 30 grams).

During the search, officers seized approximately \$300 in cash, around 50 cases of various brands of beer, 25 bottles of various brands of liquor and four guns.

A small amount of marijuana was also found in the pool hall, on the floor as well as in containers.

"A primary responsibility of the State Excise Police is to regulate the distribution of alcohol throughout Indiana." Superintendent Matt Strittmatter said. "Excise officers will continue seek out and arrest persons who attempt to circumvent the laws and administrative rules that control alcohol distribution. Often, the illegal operations are centers for other criminal activity that excise officers will act on in order to ensure public safety."

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on enforcing Indiana's alcohol and tobacco statutes.

Excise police officers were assisted by the Indiana State Police Emergency Response Team, or ERT.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.